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The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC507-2). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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